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Honolulu Man Annexes New
Title Down in the
Philippines.O. A. Steven of Honolulu has an-
nexed a new title down in the Phil-
ippines. They call him the "Santa
Claus of Cebu," and the Cebu Chron-
icle tells why as follows:There is in Cebu no man who is so
popular with the children as Mr. O.
A. Steven, labor agent of the Ha-
waiian Sugar Planters' Association.
When it comes to entertaining the
young folks, Steven is always first
man on the job, and it is no wonder
he is being called the "Santa Claus
of Cebu."Sunday afternoon Mr. Steven en-
tertained about a hundred ladies and
gentlemen of Cebu on board the
steamer Hawaii, which belongs to his
company, and the children were
particularly looked after. On a sep-
arate table on the upper deck was
a collection of good things for the
young folk that made them think
Christmas had come five weeks too
early this year. There were all
kinds of cakes and sweets, apples
and oranges, in short just the things
to delight the heart of a child, and
the children certainly had a delight-
ful time.At other tables tea was served for
the ladies and those of the gentle-
men who preferred tea to the other
refreshments that were to be had at
a table in the bow of the steamer. A
string band played in the stern.Mr. H. T. Fradgley presided as
host of the table in the bow, while
Mrs. Fradgley assisted Mr. Steven as
hostess at the tea tables, and Miss
Mollie Fradgley looked after her lit-
tle playmates at the children's table.
"Santa Claus" himself was omni-
present to see that everyone had a
good time, in which he was more
than successful.The guests took advantage of the
opportunity to examine all parts of
the dapper little steamer, which has
all the interior arrangements of a
yacht. There is some style on board
the Hawaii. At the gangplank the
guests passed between two uniform-
ed Filipino sailors, who stood as erect
and motionless as the proverbial salt
statue of Lot's wife.

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PROBING SALES OF FRIAR LANDS

Congress Hears From Officials
of Philippine Government
at Washington.Local sugar-men are interested in
the investigation now on before a
congressional committee into the sale
of the friar lands in the Philippines.
The first news of the results of this
investigation are contained in the fol-
lowing dispatch from Washington:WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Con-
gressional investigation of the charges
of Representative John A. Martin of
Colorado that the Friar lands in the
Philippines are being turned over to
the Sugar Trust began today before
the House Committee on Insular Af-
fairs.Representative Martin devoted three
hours and a half to his bill of parti-
culars. The first witness called for
the defense was Capt. Charles H.
Sleeper, director of lands of the Inter-
ior Department of the Philippines.
His testimony consisted largely of de-
scribing the sales of Friar lands to
individuals. He stated that the law
clerk of his department held that he
could not dispose of the lands to cor-
porations, but could to individuals.
Almost immediately afterward he tes-
tified that while E. L. Poole had ap-
plied for the 50,000 acres of the San
Jose estate and it had been granted
him, no part of it had been deeded to
him. He said that 200 hectares had
been deeded to the Mindoro Develop-
ment Company, a corporation.It was then developed that in the
contract with Poole the words "or
his nominees" had been inserted
something never done before. In
spite of the deed to the corporation
and the request for the innovation in
the contract, Capt. Sleeper and the
other officials in the Land Depart-
ment failed to inquire into the prin-
ciples for whom Poole was acting.Congressman Martin in his state-
ment described the connection with
the Sugar Trust of the firm of Strong
& Cadwalder, of which Attorney-Gen-
eral Wickersham was a member, and
with which Henry W. Taft, a brother
of the President is connected. He
stated that this firm had been paid a
large fee for defending the Sugar
Trust. He quoted from a letter writ-
ten by Henry W. Taft in which that
firm withdrew from the Friar land
application because it was a discre-
tionary matter with the Government
and the firm might be criticised.Some fresh light on the Philippine
and deals was thrown by Mr. Martin
in his description of the contract of
Frank W. Carpenter, Executive Secre-
tary of the Philippines, for the lease
of the Tala Friar lands. Mr. Martin
says his lease gives Mr. Carpenter
land at 20 cents an acre, while lands
in the same estate are leased to na-
tive tenants at 20 cents. When Mr.
Martin stated that the contract guar-
anteed to Mr. Carpenter police pro-
tection for his land and that the Phil-
ippine Government is to build roads
and bridges to and on the estate the
committee was astounded.

CHAMP CLARK WANTS

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Uncle Joe Takes Last Fling

From Speaker's Seat—

Will Not Talk Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—

"Uncle Joe" has come back for his

last fling at the speakership.

With his long black cigar cocked

at a more arrogant angle than ever

in the corner of his smiling face,

Joseph Guinness Cannon, speaker of

the House of Representatives, today

got down to business for his final

round as "uncle" of the House.

With his pristine "dilled" shirt
front shedding its shining radiance
before him he "baited" into his of-
fices at the Capitol, to stand things.
Under his arm he carried a plain
brown wooden box of cigars. Those
he deposited in the upper right hand
drawer of his desk, rolled back the
top—and the session was on."Nothing to say about politics," he
vouchsafed. "I'm feeling chipper as
a chipmunk, and am ready for busi-
ness. It looks like a busy session.
We've got lots to do."

Champ Clark Says He'll Walk

There was no sign of mourning

about the aged politician. If he has

any secret sorrow gnawing at his what would happen to the item ap-
pear, because he and his party are propitiating for the maintenance of
"out." It is not apparent to the on automobile for the Vice-President
naked eye. He's back at work with Speaker."My position in that matter has
not changed," Clark answered. "This
Speaker can use a street car or

Champ Clark, who also is on hand, walk."

elected Speaker of the next House, to

succeeded "Uncle Joe," he would walk

Malone left the Sierra at this point

or use the plebian street cars in-

stead of an automobile. That is his

and for the Colonies, on next Satur-

day. They are en route to South

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Africa, and from Sydney will con-

house today to pay his respects to

President Taft. Someone asked him

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